

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Chair welcomed Representative Matt Gillard of the 106th House Legislative District as a new member of the Energy and Technology Committee.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (19/19)

Representative Clemente made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2006, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5917 before the Committee.

HB 5917 Nofs Communications; telecommunications; amendments to the emergency telephone service enabling act; provide.

Harriet Miller-Brown, State 9-1-1 Coordinator, spoke to the Committee regarding the changing 9-1-1 system in the state of Michigan necessitated by new technologies. Ms. Miller-Brown also reviewed immediate issues facing 9-1-1, such as the sunset on the current act and financial support of 9-1-1 by the prepaid wireless through the wireless surcharge. Other issues covered included the current operational and technical surcharge system, the technical landline surcharge, the operational landline surcharge, the wireless surcharge, and extension and effect of the current sunset.

Patricia Coates, representing Oakland County, also spoke to the Committee regarding the 9-1-1 service in the State of Michigan and in support of HB 5917.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding 9-1-1 service:

Ron Orlando, representing Comcast

Leighton Lang, representing TracFone Wireless, Inc., and Rick Coy

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties

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Steve Transeth, representing the Legislative Service Bureau, reviewed the provisions of HB 5917 with the Committee.

Jennifer Greenburg, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, submitted a letter regarding HB 5917 and the Emergency Telephone Service Act.

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5917.

Sgt, Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police, submitted a card but did not indicate a position on HB 5917 at this time.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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